

The City of Milwaukee Health Department conducted a survey to understand what health issues mattered the most to the Milwaukee community. This infographic presents results from the subset of respondents who identified as being part of the LGBTQ+ community.

TOP 5

PrioritiesAmong LGBTQ+

Respondents

1. Mental Health

2. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination

3. Healthy Foods & Nutrition

31%

4. Crime & Neighborhood Safety

7%

4. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults 279

5. Drug Use

25%



of respondents identified as LGBTQ+

(n = 296, out of 2,004 total responses)*

Asexual (n = 7)



Mental Health was the most common indicator selected by asexual respondents, with 57% ranking it as a top priority.

Bisexual (n = 119)



Healthy Foods & Nutrition was the most common indicator selected by bisexual respondents, with 36% ranking it as a top priority.

Gay/Lesbian (n = 103)



Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults was the most common indicator selected by gay/lesbian respondents, with 38% ranking it as a top priority.

Pansexual (n = 35)



Safe & Affordable Housing was the most common indicator selected by pansexual respondents, with 37% ranking it as a top priority.

Transgender (n = 29)**



Economic Security and **Racism** & **Other Forms of Discrimination** were the most common indicators selected by trans respondents, with **45%** ranking each as a top priority.

Queer (n = 40)



Economic Security was the most common indicator selected by queer respondents, with **48%** ranking it as a top priority.

92%

of LGBTQ+ respondents selected indicators related to racism & health equity *** as Top 5 Priorities.

- * Some respondents identified with more than one orientation/identity.
- ** Non-Binary and other gender expansive identities are included in the Transgender subgroup for the purposes of this infographic.
- *** Includes Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (32%), Health Equity (15%), Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (27%), and Accessibility & Resources for People with Disabilities (18%).

Compared to non-LGBTQ+ respondents (n = 1,708), LGBTQ+ respondents (n = 296) were...

More Likely

Less Likely

To be youth

(2.28x as likely to be under 18 years-old)



To be older adults

(0.45x as likely to be 55+ years-old)

To live in a shelter (1.76x as likely)



To be homeowners

(0.55x as likely)

To be lower-income

(1.17x and 1.19x as likely to make <\$25k and <\$50k per year, respectively)



To be top-earners

(0.99x and 0.62x as likely to make \$75k+ and \$150k+ per year, respectively)

To have less than a HS diploma

(1.67x as likely)



To have a Bachelor's degree or higher

(0.90x as likely)



Transgender and Non-Binary Spotlight

The proportion of transgender and non-binary respondents who reported living in a shelter was 4.31x greater than that of cisgender respondents. Among this group, Safe and Affordable Housing was identified as a Top 5 Priority, with nearly one-third (31%) selecting it as a top priority.

LGBTQ+ Defined:

Asexual

A person who experiences little or no sexual attraction to others. Often shortened to "ace".

Bisexual

A person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to two or more genders. Sometimes used interchangeably with "pansexual".

Gay

A person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to members of the same gender. Typically used by men but other genders may also identify with this term.

Heterosexual

Women who are emotionally and/or physically attracted to men, and men who are emotionally and/or physically attracted to women. Also referred to as "straight".

Lesbian

A woman who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to other women. Some non-binary people may use this term to describe themselves.

Non-Binary

A person whose gender identity falls outside of the traditional gender binary structure of girl/woman and boy/man.

Pansexual

A person who is emotionally and/or physically attracted to people of all genders, or whose attractions are irrespective of gender. Sometimes used interchangeably with "bisexual".

Transgender

An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or expression is different from cultural expectations based on the sex they were assigned at birth.

Queer

An umbrella term for people who think of their sexual orientation or gender identity as outside of societal norms.

Top 5 Priorities by Subgroup

Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

* Indicates a tie

Asexual (n = 7)

- 1. Mental Health (57.1%)
- 2. Accessibility & Disability Resources (42.9%)*
- 3. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (42.9%)*
- 4. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (42.9%)*
- 5. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (28.6%)

Bisexual (n = 119)

- 1. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (36.1%)
- 2. Mental Health (35.3%)
- 3. Crime and Neighborhood Safety (29.4%)
- 4. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (27.7%)
- 5. Education (25.2%)

Gay/Lesbian (n = 103)

- 1. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (37.9%)
- 2. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (34.0%)
- 3. Drug Use (31.1%)
- 4. Mental Health (29.1%)
- 5. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (28.2%)

Pansexual (n = 35)

- 1. Safe and Affordable Housing (37.1%)
- 2. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (34.3%)
- 3. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (31.4%)*
- 4. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (31.4%)*
- 5. Mental Health (28.6%)

Transgender (n = 29)

- 1. Economic Security (44.8%)*
- 2. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (44.8%)*
- 3. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (37.9%)
- 4. Mental Health (34.5%)
- 5. Safe & Affordable Housing (31.0%)

Queer (n = 40)

- 1. Economic Security (47.5%)
- 2. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (45.0%)
- 3. Mental Health (40.0%)
- 4. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (32.5%)*
- 5. Safe & Affordable Housing (32.5%)*

Top 5 Priorities by Subgroup

Race and Ethnicity

* Indicates a tie

BIPOC (n = 161)

- 1. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (40.4%)
- 2. Mental Health (28.6%)
- 3. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (28.0%)*
- 4. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (28.0%)*
- 5. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (26.1%)

Non-Hispanic White (n = 115)

- 1. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (40.9%)
- 2. Mental Health (40.0%)
- 3. Safe & Affordable Housing (34.8%)
- 4. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (29.6%)
- 5. Drug Use (27.8%)

Black (n = 110)

- 1. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (38.2%)
- 2. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (30.0%)
- 3. Crime & Neighborhood Safety (28.2%)*
- 4. Mental Health (28.2%)*
- 5. Education (27.3%)

AAPI (n = 15)

- 1. Environment (40.0%)*
- 2. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (40.0%)*
- 3. Transportation (40.0%)*
- 4. Economic Security (33.3%)
- 5. Mental Health (26.7%)

AI/AN (n = 16)

- 1. Mental Health (37.5%)*
- 2. Trauma & Trauma Informed Care (37.5%)*
- 3. Environment (31.3%)*
- 4. Health of LGBTQ Youth & Adults (31.3%)*
- 5. Economic Security (25.0%)

Hispanic or Latino (n = 35)

- 1. Healthy Foods & Nutrition (54.3%)
- 2. Healthcare Services (40.0%)
- 3. Racism & Other Forms of Discrimination (34.3%)
- 4. Mental Health (28.6%)
- 5. Economic Security (25.7%)

BIPOC = Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; AAPI = Asian and Pacific Islanders; AI/AN = American Indian and Alaska Native